(iv) To draft appropriate legislation/order.

(v) To suggest immediate measures, if any, in the interim period.

(vi) To recommend any other measures that has a bearing on the subject.

The Task Force is in the process of finalising its report.

Encounters with militants in J&K

805. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of armed encounters between the militants and the security forces that took place in Jammu & Kashmir so far since August this year;

(b) the number of militants, security personnel and civilians who were killed as a result thereof in each case; and

(c) the extent of financial or other assistance given by the Central/State Governments to the next of kin of the civilians who were killed as a result of these encounters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHR1PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 191 armed encounters between the militants and the security forces took place in the State from August to November 15, 2005. In these encounters, 237 militants, 18 civilians and 27 security forces were killed.

(c) Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been providing *ex-gratia* to the next-of-kins (NoKs) of victims of militancy for death, injury, etc. as per the existing rules. As per State Govenment's ordes, Rs. 1.00 Lakh is paid to the NoK in case of death.

Killing of tribals in Assam

806. SHRI VEPPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a militant group murdered 35 Karbi tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what Government are doing to tackle such incidents in North East?